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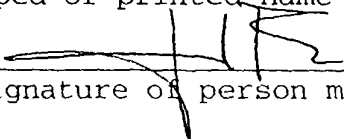
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Sir:

During a telephonic discussion on October 23, 2003, the Examiner for the above-identified U.S. patent application asked the undersigned U.S. patent attorney to send to him copies of the following documents: (1) our February 13, 2003 response; and (2) our March 14, 2003 submission, which includes a supplemental response and an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).

Therefore, we are enclosing herewith a copy of our February 13, 2003 response, which includes the following documents: (1) a cover letter with a Certificate of Mailing dated February 13, 2003 (5 pages); (2) Appendix H (4 pages); (3) Appendix I (4 pages); (4) a petition for an extension (1 page); and (5) a copy of check no. 16352 for \$465.

We are also enclosing herewith a copy of our March 14, 2003 submission, which includes the following documents: (1) an

Express Mail Certificate dated March 14, 2003 (1 page); (2) the cover letter (11 pages) for the supplemental response; (3) Appendix J (30 pages); (4) Appendix K (94 pages); (5) Appendix L (1 page); (6) the cover letter (2 pages) for the IDS; (7) a Form PTO-1449 (modified) (1 page); (8) a copy of the document (10 pages) listed in the Form PTO-1449 (modified); and (9) a copy of check no. 16783 for \$180.00.

Please consider the February 13, 2003 response, the March 14, 2003 supplemental response, and the IDS on the merits before issuing the next official action.

It is submitted that the above-identified U.S. application is in condition for allowance. Allowance of the application at an early date is solicited.

The Applicant reserves the right to seek protection for any unclaimed subject matter either subsequently in the prosecution of the present case or in a divisional or continuation application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-0415. In particular, if this submission is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this submission as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 C.F.R § 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this submission timely filed; and the

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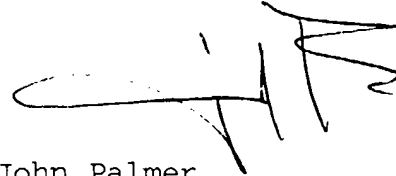
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